Granting equity contribution of Rajasthan in Hydro-Power Projects

†2272. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have given its concurrence for equity participation of Rajasthan in the Hydro-Power projects to be set up by the Central Electricity Undertakings;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a proposal to the Central Government has been sent by the State Government keeping in view the decreasing ratio of the Hydro-Power in the State; and

(c) if so, by when the additional power in the proportion of equity contribution would be provided to the State, and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) and (b) The proposal of the Government of Rajasthan for willingness to participate in equity in hydroelectric power projects of Central Public Sector Undertakings has been conveyed to the hydro sector Central Public Sector Undertaking (CPSUs). The CPSUs execute hydro-electric projects located in different States through agreements/Memoranda of Understandings (MoUs) entered into with the State(s) where the projects are located. It will be for the States where the projects are located and the concerned CPSUs to consider the request of the Government of Rajasthan while agreeing upon implementation agreements of new hydro projects being set up by CPSUs. The Government of India is keen to implement measures that would accelerate the development of hydro power.

(c) This would depend upon any such proposal fructifying and the terms of a particular MoU.

Allocation of power to Rajasthan from Hydro-Power Projects with Punjab

†2273. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Electricity Authority has prepared the back ground to approve the special allocation apart from the allocation of power to

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Rajasthan to provide its share from the Hydro-power projects with Punjab;

(b) if so, comments forwarded to the concerned States in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) to (c) The share of Rajasthan has not been agreed so far in the Hydro-Power Projects of Punjab. The issue has been discussed at various fora in the past amongst the States Concerned and Government of India but so far no agreement could be reached.

Overdrawal of power by MSEB and MPSEB

2274. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Maharashtra State Electricity Board (MSEB) and the Madhya Pradesh State Electricity Board (MPSEB) have been rapped by the Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (PGCIL) for overdrawals of 400-500 MW of electricity each; and

(b) if so, what action Government is planning to take against the defaulters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) and (b) The Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC) has been set up under the Electricity Regulatory Commissions Act, 1998. Its's function *inter-alia* include regulation of inter-State transmission of energy and promotion of competition, efficiency and economy in the activities of electrical industry. Central Electricity Regulatory Commission have issued the Indian electricity Grid Code (IEGC) which *inter-alia* includes operation parameters of the power system to enable it to function in the most efficient, reliable and economic manner. The Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (PGCIL) which has been designated as Central Transmission Utlity (CTUs) and manages the Regional Load Despatch Centres (RLDs) has been made responsible for ensuring grid discipline.